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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF OCTOBER 7, 2005

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group II (Claims 19-36) for prosecution in the present application.

The present election is being made with traverse. Applicants submit that it is well established that:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without **serious burden**, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, **even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions**.

M.P.E.P. § 803 (emphasis added).

The non-elected Group is directed to a method for manufacturing fiber-reinforced resin articles and the elected Group is drawn to fiber-reinforced resin articles. A proper search for art related to the elected Group would necessarily include the classes and subclasses relevant to a

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search for the non-elected Group. Thus, examination of all the claims would not present "a serious burden" on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the present restriction requirement be withdrawn.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any fees, including any fees for additional extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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